

scene. He had been reading about the landing of the Knights of Malta at Catona several centuries earlier, and saw the opportunity of following in their footsteps. His friend, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, was impressed by the idea and as C-in-C. gave it powerful support. The Italian Government refused the first offer of help, but the Queen of Italy, after a visit to the scene, caused this decision to be changed. As a result a party of four R.A.M.C. doctors and two Q.A.I.M.N.S. sisters, together with British civilian doctors and nurses and other R.A.M.C. personnel, landed at Catona from H.M.S. *Duncan* on New Year's Day, 1909, four days after the disaster. An article by Anderson describing their work was published in the *Journal of the Royal Army Medical Corps* of March, 1909. He and the Commander of the party, Major G. S. Crawford, were made Officers of the Order of the Crown of Italy, and also received the Italian Red Cross and Messina medals.

In 1914 Anderson went with the 1st Battalion North Staffs to France, but was invalided home in 1915. Later in 1915 he was appointed senior M.O. of the *Britannic*, sister ship of the *Titanic*. He supervised the medical side of her fitting-out and sailed with her till she was sunk in 1916. In 1917-19 he commanded the military hospital installed in the Citadel at Cairo, and later the Palestine General Hospital at Ludd. He was awarded the C.M.G. in 1918. He retired in 1924, but remained with the Army until 1937 as M.O. to the depot in Northampton. He was keenly interested in the work of the Royal Life Saving Society, St. John Ambulance, and the Royal Geographic Society. He had been a member of the B.M.A. since 1904. He married in 1910 Cicely May Steele, and she and their only son survive him.

S. C. J. SHORTMAN, M.B., Ch.B.

Dr. S. C. J. Shortman died suddenly on May 27, at the age of 26.

Stanley Clifford John Shortman entered the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Bristol in 1952. After a distinguished student career, he graduated with second-class honours in 1957 and was awarded the Gold Medal as the best student of his year. He held house appointments at the Bristol Royal Infirmary before joining the R.A.M.C. for his period of National Service, which he had almost completed when he died.

A. D. M. S. writes: To those of us who knew him well it was obvious that Stanley Shortman was destined to be a good doctor in whatever sphere of medicine he chose to make his mark. After a brilliant career as a student he joined the house-staff of his teaching hospital, and I became intimately associated with him in my capacity as R.M.O. The best way to get to know people really well is to live with them in the restricted confines of a hospital. It was a pleasure to be associated with Stanley Shortman under such conditions. At all times he was obsessed with the idea of doing his utmost for the patients in his charge. His personality was refreshingly honest and direct, and it will always be a tragedy that both ourselves and future patients will be denied his comments and help, supplemented by the wisdom of increased experience.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife and family in this time of deep personal loss.

C. P. OLIVER, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.

Dr. C. P. Oliver, who practised for many years in Maidstone, died in the West Kent General Hospital on June 3 after a short illness. He was 63 years of age.

Charles Pye Oliver came from a distinguished family of doctors. Both his father and grandfather were practitioners in the same town before him. He was educated at Epsom College, Caius College, Cambridge, and St. Thomas's Hospital. He qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1922, and took his M.B., B.Ch. in 1923. Afterwards he held the post of house-physician at St. Thomas's Hospital. He saw active

service in the first world war as a subaltern in the Royal West Kent Regiment, and later joined the Territorial Army, retiring in 1937 with the rank of major. After returning from the first world war he joined his father, Colonel C. Pye Oliver, in general practice in Maidstone.

Oliver was eminently successful and held many appointments, including those of physician to the West Kent General Hospital, consultant physician to the Kent County Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital, consultant physician to Leybourne Grange Hospital, medical referee to the Kent County Crematorium Society, and certifying factory surgeon. In addition, he was a member of the management committee of the Mid-Kent Hospital Group, and a former chairman of the Maidstone Division of the B.M.A. As a young man he was interested in sport, playing rugger for the Maidstone club. He later became a keen fisherman.

L. P. McB. writes: "Pye," as he was known to his large circle of friends, had a most likable character, always down to earth and straight in everything he did and said. He abhorred everything that smacked of insincerity or pomposity. In addition, he had a great sense of humour and enjoyed life to the full. A memorial service for him, held at the West Kent General Hospital, was crowded to overflowing, and gave ample proof of the affection of the staff and the high regard in which he was held. He will be sadly missed by his partners and innumerable friends, many of whom had the privilege of being his patients. Our deep sympathy is extended to his widow and son.

R. NAPIER, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S.

Dr. Robert Napier, of Dunkeld, died suddenly in Perth Royal Infirmary on June 8. He was 54 years of age.

Robert Napier, a son of the Manse, was born at Stitchil, near Kelso, in 1907. From Hamilton Academy he went to Glasgow University, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1930. In 1936 he became F.R.F.P.S. After holding the post of house-surgeon in Glasgow Royal Infirmary he was appointed surgeon to the Church of Scotland Hospital, Aden. He came home just before the second world war to join the R.A.F. and rose to the rank of wing-commander. He intended to continue as a surgeon in civilian life, but a series of unfortunate incidents thwarted him. He had the unique experience of being involved in three railway accidents, of which one at least was very serious for him and upset his plans. Coming to Dunkeld in October, 1946, he soon became a loved and much respected physician and friend to many in this lovely part of Perthshire. He had one standard of care and treatment for his patients, rich or poor—the best that he could give. His life was one of real Christian service and he did not spare himself. Many of his patients saw him doing his rounds on the day he died, so his death came as a great shock to all in the district.

Napier was by nature a shy man, but in a small gathering of friends he was delightful company. Here his great sense of humour came out and he had a wonderful fund of anecdotes, many of them told against himself. The large attendance of consultants, fellow practitioners, patients, and friends at the Dundee Crematorium was an indication of the affection and respect in which he was held, and the feeling was left to many of us that a good friend had passed on. Much sympathy is felt for his widow and two sons, one of whom is following his father's profession.—N. M.

J. N. MORRISON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dr. J. Neill Morrison, who practised in Sheppey for many years, died in All Saints Hospital, Chatham, on June 14 at the age of 48.

The son of the late Dr. John Morrison, John Neill Morrison was born in London in the Mile End Road. He was educated at Epsom College and the London Hospital, and qualified in 1938. During the war he held a temporary